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December 6, 2011

San Joaquin County Delta Initiative Coalition Stakeholders, Other Cities, Delta Protection Commission, and Others in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta

### **JOINT RESOLUTION OF CITIES, COUNTY, AND OTHER SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY STAKEHOLDERS REGARDING LAND USE, WATER, AND OTHER DELTA RELATED ISSUES**

On December 5, 2011, the San Joaquin County Delta Initiative Coalition Stakeholders adopted a joint resolution (a draft of which is attached hereto as Attachment A) in support of an initiative for joint action, advocacy, and mutual interests on issues concerning the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta (Delta). On behalf of the San Joaquin County Delta Initiative Coalition Stakeholders, I respectfully request that your board, council, commission, or executive committee, as applicable, support and adopt this same joint resolution, in coordination with other cities, the county, and other stakeholders in San Joaquin County and other areas of the Delta. The purpose of this request is to facilitate a coordinated and collaborative response, with other affected stakeholders, in regard to the Delta Stewardship Council's proposed Draft Delta Plan and corresponding Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR), and related Delta plans or programs that may adversely affect economic development and sustainability, local governance, water supplies, flood control, agricultural production, and habitat management in San Joaquin County and within the Delta as a whole.

In November 2009, the California Legislature enacted Senate Bill X7 1 (The Delta Reform Act). It established the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC), an independent State agency, and requires that the DSC develop, adopt, and implement by January 1, 2012 the Delta Plan, a legally enforceable, comprehensive, long-term management plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the Suisun Marsh (Delta) that achieves the "coequal goals" as specified in California Water Code Section 85300(a). The coequal goals are the two goals of providing "a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals are to be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place" (Water Code Section 85054). Achieving the coequal goals is a primary and fundamental purpose of the Delta Plan. The DSC has issued several staff drafts of the Delta Plan, the most recent being the Fifth Staff Draft, which is the "project" or "program" analyzed in the recently released Delta Plan Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR).

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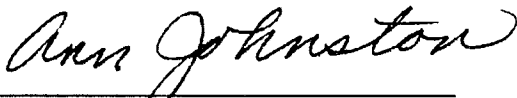
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The Delta Plan sets forth regulatory policies, recommendations, and review and appeal procedures that seek to influence the actions, activities and projects of cities, counties, State, regional, and other local agencies toward meeting the coequal goals. In other words, local public agencies, located within the Delta, will be required to conform their actions to the policies in the Delta Plan and to the regulatory and appeal procedures established to implement the Plan. Projects within the Delta's watershed may also be affected by the Delta Plan's policies and recommendations. The scope and extent of proposed regulatory and review authority that the DSC is considering for adoption threatens the ability of local communities to grow and prosper, takes away local decision making, and provides an appointed body with the authority to veto local land use and other decisions based upon subjective criteria. A summary of the City of Stockton's concerns is provided in a document entitled "City of Stockton Talking Points Re: 5th Draft Delta Plan" (Attachment B).

A stakeholder group of San Joaquin County public and private agencies and other interested parties with interest in the Delta has been formed to facilitate a collaborative and uniform effort to address our mutual concerns with the proposed adoption and implementation of the Delta Plan, the Program EIR, and with related Delta plans and programs, such as the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP). Presently, the stakeholder group is preliminarily known as the "San Joaquin County Delta Initiative Coalition Stakeholders" (a roster of attendees at the December 5, 2011 meeting is attached as Attachment C). The intent is to expand this group to include other affected San Joaquin County cities and interested parties with mutual concerns to improve our negotiating position with the DSC and with legislators in Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

As Chairperson of the San Joaquin County Delta Initiative Coalition Stakeholders, I respectfully request your support and adoption of this resolution and encourage your future active and collaborative participation and partnership in this critical issue of mutual concern. Should you wish to discuss this matter or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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ANN JOHNSTON  
MAYOR OF STOCKTON

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**Attachments**

emc: Stockton City Council w/attachments  
Bob Deis, City Manager w/attachments  
Mayor's Delta Initiative Coalition w/attachments  
San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors w/attachments  
Other San Joaquin County Cities w/attachments

**-- A Delta Initiative of Cities and Agencies of San Joaquin County --**

**RESOLUTION ON LAND USE, WATER AND OTHER DELTA RELATED ISSUES**

This Resolution is effective upon passage by the CITIES, the COUNTY AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS WITHIN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY, which include political subdivisions of the State of California and other interested parties, both public and private, hereinafter collectively referred to as “the MEMBERS”.

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta is at risk from many factors, and in addressing these threats the State is proposing large-scale changes to the Delta ecosystem, land use authority within the Delta, water conveyance through and around the Delta, water rights, statewide management and many other aspects related to the Delta; and,

**WHEREAS**, the CITIES, COUNTY and OTHER STAKEHOLDERS as Members believe there is value in developing an initiative on issues concerning the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, its watershed and greater Bay/Delta estuary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the MEMBERS wish to collectively articulate the issues and interests from the perspective of the Delta region itself, from the people who call the Delta home and best understand the tremendous resource the Delta represents; and,

**WHEREAS**, the MEMBERS have identified a need for joint action, advocacy and mutual interests on Delta-related issues.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the MEMBERS adopt this Resolution for the purpose of articulating mutual interests on Delta issues. Furthermore, the MEMBERS resolve to work together to defend Delta-related interests at a regional perspective and to use their unified voice to advocate on behalf of local government in available forums at all levels. Our principles of mutual interests are as follows:

1. Recognition of the authority and responsibility given to local government related to land use, water resource development, flood management, public health and safety, economic development and sustainable growth, agricultural stability, recreation, and environmental protection.
2. Protect the economic viability of agriculture, industry, recreation and the ongoing vitality of communities throughout the Delta.
3. Represent and include local government in any new governance structures for the Delta.
4. Funding and implementation of urban and non-urban flood protection through rehabilitation, improvement and maintenance of flood control levees and structures.

5. Protection and restoration of the Delta ecosystem including adequate water supply, quality and outflow to support fisheries, wildlife and habitat in perpetuity while supporting immediate improvements to the existing Through-Delta Conveyance as part of a complete strategy for the State's water management.
6. Incorporation of sustainable approaches for improved water supply, quality and reliability through the overarching principle of regional self-sufficiency to reduce future reliance on exports from the Delta.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2012 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

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